THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) Government had constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) on 17th April, 2000 to thoroughly review the national security system in its entirety and in particular, to consider the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee, and to formulate specific proposals for implementation. The GoM consisted of the Home Minister, the Raksha Mantri, the External Affairs Minister and the Finance Minister. The GoM had after careful consideration of various issues formulated a comprehensive Report titled 'Reforming the National Security System', in which *inter alia* establishment of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) was also recommended. The recommendations made in the Report of the GoM were approved by the Government on May 11, 2001 with the modification that a view on the recommendation relating to the institution of the CDS will be taken after consultation with various political parties.

(b) and (c) Parts (b) and (c) of the question do not arise as details regarding duties, functions, responsibility, procedure of selection and other terms of engagement of the CDS and other related issues will be finalised only after a decision to establish the CDS has been taken by the Government after completion of the consultation process with various Political Parties.

Test of Agni-H Ballistic Missile

1255. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the tests of Agni-II Ballistic Missile have been completed;

(b) if so, by when the Missile is going to be inducted into the country's force;

(c) whether Government are thinking of its mass production so that the same can be sold to other countries; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) With its second launch on 17th January 2001, Agni-II missile has reached the stage of operationalisation and induction. Limited scries production of the missile has already commenced and its induction has been planned during 2001-2002.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Export of such missiles is not contemplated, being a strategic weapon.

Production of longer range missiles under Agni Project

1256. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed for the production of longer range missiles under the Agni Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the capabilities of Agni series of missiles as compared to those missiles which are in possession of Pakistan and China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Limited Series